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### REMARKS

Restriction to one of the following groups was required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- Group I Claims 1-8, and 11-18, drawn to isolated nucleic acids encoding the GB virus B, a GB virus B, and methods for the production of the virus.
- Group II Claims 9, 10, 39, and 40, drawn to polypeptides of either GB virus B or HCV.
- Group III Claims 19-35, drawn to a chimeric GB virus B and viral genome.
- Group IV Claims 36-38, drawn to a chimeric HCV including sequences from GB virus B.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group I, that is, Claims 1-8, and 11-18.

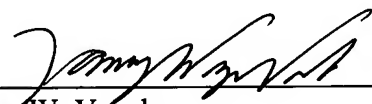
### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to issuance. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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